

In the Specification:

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This application claims the benefit of previously filed International Application PCT/US2004/034120 filed October 26, 3004.

Please amend the specification in paragraph 0002 as follows:

[0002] One currently available system for dewatering slurries is the VSEP Filtration System available from New Logic Research Inc. (V♦SEP® is a registered trademark of New Logic Research, Inc.). The VSEP process utilizes a filtration system (the “VSEP filtration system”) containing a filter stack consisting of a series of disks or trays and diverters. Each filter disk has outer membranes with pore sizes generally no larger than 0.1μ and normally a drain cloth positioned between the outer membranes and the disk. The diverters determine the flow pattern through the filter stack. A typical VSEP filtration system is schematically depicted in Fig. 1 and a typical filter stack is depicted in Fig. 2. VSEP filtration systems are explained in greater detail, for example, in United States Patents No. [4,872,899] 4,872,988 and 4,952,317, incorporated herein by reference.